



Serving women through Conviction, Commitment and Courage

District 7 Conference
September 18 – 20, 2015

District 7 and the Zonta Club of Kansas City I invite you to attend the 2015 Zonta District 7 Fall Conference to be held at the Hilton Kansas City Airport on the weekend of September 18 - 20.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with your Zonta friends, make new acquaintances and learn more about current happenings in Zonta – locally and internationally. Please join your Zonta sisters in Kansas City and meet other members of District 7.

Conference Information

Fee: \$165 if received by August 24, 2015; \$175 after August 24, 2015. (Includes Dinner on Friday, all meals on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday). Make checks payable to Zonta District 7. Send to: Susan Voeltz, District 7 Treasurer.

Venue: Hilton Kansas City Airport - \$99 per night plus tax for two Queen beds or one King size bed. Contact the hotel at 1-816-891-8900 and tell them you are part of the Zonta District 7 Conference. A block of rooms has been reserved. All un-booked rooms will be released on September 4.

Questions: Contact Janet Kannard at jkannard@juno.com or 913-677-3257 or Polly Holten at pholten@outlook.com or 573-270-8313.

Detailed documents and all information to be discussed at Conference will be mailed to your Club President prior to the Conference. The Club President will share this information with their club membership.

General Information

Zonta Marketplace: The marketplace provides the opportunity to raise funds for and increase your club's presence.

Dress Code: Business casual is recommended for the entire event.



Speakers

Zonta International Director, 2014-2016 Susanne von Bassewitz

Susanne von Bassewitz is Vice President of Zonta International and the Zonta International Foundation.

In 1994 she joined the ZC of Nuremberg/Erlangen , Germany, and became a member of ZC Düsseldorf II, Germany, in 1996 after taking a new job in the capital of the federal state of North-Rhine Westphalia.

Susanne holds a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Mass Communications Research, Roman Languages and Philosophy. She worked in communications research for seven years before she decided to pursue a career in corporate communications. In the last 23 years she's held various leadership positions at major companies. Her expertise comprises brand communications, corporate identity, change management and leadership communications. Currently she's a Vice President at E.ON SE, one of the world's most important power and gas companies. For the most part, the scope of her responsibilities was international. She also continued to lecture at German universities.

She's been married to Eberhard for 38 years. She enjoys traveling, reading, music, spending time outdoors and meeting with family and friends.

Crisis Aid International – Warrine Bazow

Crisis Aid, International has been delivering aid internationally for over 12 years and has provided services to victims of sex trafficking since 2006. They have served more than 450 girls personally and have managed their direct care through a holistic rehabilitation program in multiple SAFE Homes in other countries. Crisis Aid opened its first home in the United States in December of 2012. Since that time, they have worked closely with law enforcement and other agencies and have provided this same holistic model to over 60 girls during this time.

Warrine Bazow began her career with Crisis Aid as a volunteer in 2009 helping with programs aboard and representing Crisis Aid at different venues and speaking engagements. She transitioned to staff in 2011 where she now operates as an advocate for trafficked girls. Warrine's work focuses on Human Trafficking Prevention Education, working closely with the home in defining programs, assisting law enforcement and other agencies on placement of the girls, and acting as one of the lead mentors for the girls in the US SAFE Home



Slate of Candidates for District Office 2016 - 2018

Governor	Mary Reed	Jamestown
Lt. Governor	Shelley Schultz	Mankato
Treasurer	Susan Voeltz	St Cloud
Area 1 Director	Laurel Haroldson	Jamestown
Area 2 Director	Shannon Daniels	Cape Girardeau
Area 3 Director	Gayle Borchert	St Cloud
Area 4 Director	Open at this time	
Nominating Committee	Jane Austin Janet Kannard Kay Moss Mary Nimmerfroh Alice Smith	Jamestown Kansas City II St Louis St Cloud Brainerd





Friday, September 18, 2015

3:00-5:00PM	Registration & Credentials open
3:30-5:00	Zonta Marketplace open
4:00-5:00	Delegate Orientation
5:30-6:30	General Reception
6:30-8:00	Dinner
8:15-10:00	First Business Session
10:00-11:00	Hospitality Room

Saturday, September 19, 2015

7:00-8:30AM	Breakfast, Zonta Marketplace
7:30-8:30	Registration & Credentials Check-in
8:00-8:30	Vote for District Officers
8:45-11:00	Second Business Session
11:00-12:30	Lunch – Keynote Speaker
12:50 – 1:00	Credentials Check-in
1:00-4:00PM	Third Business Session
4:00 – 4:30	Q&A with Susanne von Bassewitz (informal/optional)
4:00-5:00	Zonta Marketplace, Free time
5:00-6:00	Reception
6:00-8:30	Dinner and Program
8:30-10:00	Hospitality Room

Sunday, September 20, 2015

8:00-8:30AM	Memorial Service
8:30-9:15	Breakfast
8:45-9:10	Credentials Check-in
9:15-11:00	Fourth Business Session
11:00	Close of Conference
11:30 – 12:30	Combined Board Meeting with newly elected Board



Budget

Zonta International District 7 Board proposes to increase district dues by \$4.00 commencing with the 2016-2018 biennium. This would increase the total cost of district dues to \$25.00 from the current dues amount of \$21.00. District dues have not increased for ten years. Costs continue to increase and membership has been declining. We need to increase dues to minimize withdrawing from reserves to balance the budget.

We have reduced our operating expenses as much as we can. Detailed budgets will be sent to the Club Presidents for review with your Clubs.

District Project

At the 2013 Conference, the District voted to have a District Project. The Haiti Project was approved for the 2014 – 2016 biennium.

At that time we agreed to review the continuance of this project at the 2015 District Conference.

A letter was sent to all Club presidents on May 20, 2015 asking if there were any projects that a Club wanted to bring before the board for review as a District Project. The Board has not received any District Project requests at this time.

At its most recent meeting, the District Board voted to recommend the continuation of the Haiti Project as our District 7 Project for the 2016 – 2018 Biennium. In addition the Board is recommending that the sales from the District Pins be donated to support this District Project during the same biennium.

This project has grown and gained excitement with our D7 clubs. There has been significant support from Zontians and Clubs, requesting that the District continue with this project.

Rules of Procedure

Changes to the District 7 Rules of Procedure are proposed because of changes in the Zonta International (ZI) Bylaws and Policies and Procedures. These changes were approved at the 2014 ZI Convention in Orlando.





REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/ST/Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Club Name: _____

Current Dist/Club Office Held: _____

Past Offices Held: _____

Special needs (diet, disability assistance, etc.):

Have you ever attended a District Mtg. before? Yes No

Club is interested in reserving a Table in the Zonta Marketplace? Yes No

District 7 Fall Conference registration fee is:

\$165 if received by August 24, 2015

\$175 after August 24, 2015

This includes all meals and coffee during the dates of the Conference.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Zonta District 7

**Mail to: Susan Voeltz,
District 7 Treasurer
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Sauk Rapids, MN 56379**

**Or click to use PayPal
and e-mail form to
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